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1. JAPAN

USHIBA ARRIVED US 12/11; WILL MEET STRAUSS/TREAS SEC
BLUMENTHAL/USDA'S BERGLAND/COMMERCE SEC KREPS/LABOR SEC
MARSHALL/PLUS CONGRESSIONAL, BUSINESS LEADERS (REUTER
12/9; AP NYDN, NYT).

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SUN'S TREWHITT QUOTES US DIPLOMAT THAT IMPORTANT US
OBJECTIVE DURING USHIBA VISIT IS TO "MAKE THE JAPANESE
SEE" THAT NOT JUST TRADE, BUT WHOLE NATURE JAPAN/US RELS AT
ISSUE. CITES TOKYO REPORTS WHICH SUGGEST GOJ UNPREPARED
FOR "WRENCHING" ECON CHANGES US REGARDS AS NECESSARY.
NOTES BOTH COUNTRIES UNDER SEVERE INTERNAL PRESSURES RE
TRADE W/EACH OTHER/QUOTES ANOTHER US OFFICIAL THAT FAR AS
JAPAN'S SURPLUS GOES, "CORRECTION IS ESSENTIAL."

ACCORDING CHRYSLER CORP EXCE VP, DOLLAR DECLINE AGAINST

YEN/RISING LABOR, MATERIAL COSTS IN JAPAN WILL COMPEL ALL JAPANESE AUTO MFRS BOOST US PRICES BY ABOUT 100 DOLS PER CAR OVER NEXT SEVERAL MOS. THIS, IN TURN, WILL ALLOW US CARS BECOME MORE COMPETITIVE W/IMPORTS, WILL HELP MAINTAIN LID ON FON AUTO SALES AT CURRENT LEVELS (JOC). FOLLOWING RECENT AIR HIJACK INCIDENTS, TOKYO POLICE TRAINING 70 SHARPSHOOTERS/MARTIAL ARTS EXPERTS AS ANTI-HIJACK COMMANDOS (AP, SUN 12/11).

WP'S "PARADE" MAG (12/11) DOES COVER/FEATURE STORY ON "FOOTBALL FEVER" IN JAPAN, NOTING FOOTBALL EXPECTED OVER-TAKE SOCCER AS JAPAN'S NUMBER 1 SPECTATOR SPORT THIS YR. "BOWL" GAMES SERIES, PI;TING JAPANESE AGAINST US TEAMS, ALREADY SOLD OUT (RAFFAELE).

2. JAPAN/MALAYSIA

JOC STATES LAUNCHING OF JAPANESE-MALAYSIA ECON ASSN (MAJECA) LAST MONTH IN KL BEING REGARDED AS LANDMARK BETWN BOTH COUNTRIES. MAJECA HAS PUBLIC BLESSINGS OF BOTH FUDUDA/ONN, EXPECTED AUGUR NEW ERA TRADE/INVESTMENT/ INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT.

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3. CHINA

LOGAN (WP 12/10) REPORTS DOS HAD DENIED DALAI LAMA PERMISSION VISIT US. SAYS STATE TOLD DALAI LAMA'S NY REP TINZIN TETHONG VISIT "WOULD BE INCONVENIENT AT THIS TIME"; THAT THIS DECISION "BASED ON A NUMBER OF FACTORS, BUT WE'RE NOT SPECIFYING THOSE FACTORS." TETHONG SAID DECISION REFLECTS DOS' DESIRE NOT ANTAGONIZE PRC.

HIGH-RANKING DEL PRC PETROLEUM EXPERTS TO VISIT US ON JAN 5, AT INVITATION ENERGY DEPT. GROUP WILL SPEND 3 WKS MEETING TOP US ENERGY OFFICIALS, TOURING PRODUCTION PRODUCTION/EXPLORATION/DEVELOPMENT FACILITIES. LEADING DEL WILL BE SUN CHING-WEN, PRES OF PRC'S PETROLEUM/NATURAL GAS CORP. ACCORDING UNIDENTIFIED CARTER ADMIN SPOKESMAN, ADMIN PLEASED W/VISIT; SEES IT AS PART OF PROCESS BEGUN W/SHANGHAI COMMUNIQUE. ANOTHER PERSON CLOSE TO PLANNING OF VISIT SAID DEL SIZE/MEMBERS EXTREMELY SIGNIFICANT IN TERMS OF US/PRC RELS; SAW DEL AS "CLEAR INDICATION OF CHINESE INTEREST IN REMAINING ON CORDIAL TERMS W/THE US AND IT'S A VERY SIGNIFICANT POL EVENT" (JACOBS WP, 12/10). LI JEN-CHUN, DEP MIN OF STATE PLANNING COUNCIL, HIGHEST RANKING PRC OFFICIAL TO VISIT US, WILL SERVE AS SCIENTIFIC ADVISOR TO DEL (UPI NYT 12/11).

BURT (NYT 12/11) REPORTS CARTER ADMIN, ON BASIS OF RECENT INTERAGENCY STUDY, NOW MOVING TOWARD TIGHTER RESTRICTIONS

ON EXPORT MANUFACTURING TECHNOLOGY OF POTENTIAL MIL SIGNIFICANCE. ACCORDING OFFICIALS, USG WILL TRY RECONCILE ROLE AS INTL SUPPLIER OF TECHNOLOGY/SKILLS W/DESIRE TO INSURE EXPORTS DO NOT ADD TO MIL STRENGTH OF USSR, OTHER

POSSIBLE ADVERSARIES. TO ACCOMPLISH THIS, USG LIKELY ADOPT RECOMMENDATIONS OF '76 DOD REPORT CALLING FOR EMPHASIS ON RESTRICTING TRANSFER OF "CRITICAL" HIGH-TECHNOLOGY MANUFACTURING PROCESS, WHILE ADVOCATING UNCLASSIFIED

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RELAXED CONTROLS FOR END PRODUCTS LACKING DIRECT MIL APPLICATION. BURT NOTES W/REGARD TO PRC, SOME OFFICIALS BELIEVE RESTRICTIONS ON TECHNOLOGY WILL HARM BILAT RELS, SINCE PEKING MOST INTERESTED IN ACHIEVING INDUSTRIAL SELF-SUFFICIENCY.

FIFTEEN MILLION APPLICANTS TOOK COLLEGE ENTRANCE EXAMS ACROSS PRC 12/10 FOR 1ST TIME SINCE GPCR (UPI, WP 12/11).

PM DESAI SAYS INDIA READY DEVELOP CLOSER RELS W/PRC. "IF CHINA IS READY FOR THIS WE ARE ALSO READY, BUT THEY HAVE TO SHOW THEIR EAGERNESS," DESAI SAID AT RECENT PRESS CONFERENCE (KATHMANDU WP).

ROSENBLATT (LAT 12/8) REPORTS US IMPORTS OF COTTON WORK GLOVES FROM PRC ROSE BY 500 PCT--FROM 197,000 DOZEN PAIRS TO 1.2 MILLION.

SF CHRON (12/3) RAN AP PIX OF HUA KUO-FENG W/SHOVEL OVER SHOULDER AS HE TOOK PART IN NOV RESTORATION PAIHO DAM AT MIYUN RESERVOIR.

4. AUSTRALIA

FRASER/LIBERAL PARTY 12/10 WON SURPRISINGLY LARGE-SCALE VICTORY IN NATL ELECTION; FINAL RESULTS MAY NOT BE KNOWN FOR SEVERAL WKS, BUT CONSERVATIVE GOVT SUFFERED ONLY MINOR DAMAGE TO RECORD MAJORITY IN HOUSE/"ALMOST CERTAINLY RETAINED CONTROL OF SENATE," ACCORDING TO WAIN (WSJ, SYDNEY). COUNTING LATE SUNDAY INDICATED CONSERVATIVE GOVT WILL HAVE MAJORITY OF 48 SEATS IN NEW 124-SEAT HOUSE, COMPARED W/MARGIN OF 55 IN OLD 127-SEAT CHAMBER. AP, SUN; WSTAR (SYDNEY 12/11) PREDICT GOVT MIGHT LOSE CONTROL UNCLASSIFIED

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SENATE, HOWEVER.

IN CANBERRA, NYT'S KAMM (12/11) SAID RESULT VINDICATED FRASER'S DECISION DISSOLVE HOUSE/CALL ELECTIONS YR EARLY;

STUNNED LABOR PARTY OFFICIALS/INDEPENDENT POL ANALYSTS WHO ASSUMED HIS PARTY'S LOPSIDED MAJORITY WOULD BE SHARPLY REDUCED. LATE AS SATURDAY, POLLS WERE PREDICTING FRASER EDGE OF ONLY 16 SEATS IN HOUSE (REUTER CANBERRA 12/10). BUT KAMM SAYS FRASER'S PLEDGE OF TAX CUTS BELIEVED TO HAVE CARRIED MORE VOTERS THAN WHITLAM'S PROMISED INCREASED PUBLIC SPENDING/ABOLITION PAYROLL TAX ON EMPLOYERS TO SPUR CREATION JOBS (ALSO JOC; NYT ARTICLE ACCOMPANIED BY PHOTO FRASER).

5. SINGAPORE

BRITISH AIRWAYS/SINGAPORE AIRLINES BEGAN CONCORDE SERVICE BETWN LONDON/HK, JAKARTA, KL, MANILA, SINGAPORE FRI (JOC).

6. THAILAND

WP'S SIMONS (BANGKOK 12/11) DISCUSSES POSSIBILITY OF AMERASIAN CHILDREN IN THAILAND BECOMING STATELESS; SAYS RTG REVIEWING ITS EARLIER STATEMENTS TO FIND WAYS ENTITLE CHILDREN OF THAI MOTHERS TO THAI CITIZENSHIP (ACCOMPANIED BY PHOTO 3 AMERASIAN CHILDREN).

PROJECTED '77 RICE EXPORTS OF 2.7 MILLION TONS WILL MAKE THAILAND WORLD'S FOREMOST RICE EXPORTER, SURPASSING US' EXPECTED 2.1 MILLION TONS, ACCORDING JOC'S LORENZ (BANGKOK).

7. INDOCHINA REFUGEES

REUTER (SINGAPORE SUN 12/11) SURVEYS REFUGEE SITUATION, NOTING US/AUSTRALIA SETTING EXAMPLE FOR REST OF WORLD IN INCREASING NUMBERS BEING ACCEPTED. SAYS COUNTRIES FACE UNCLASSIFIED

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OPPOSITION FROM LEGISLATORS, HOWEVER, WHO WARN OF DOMESTIC PROBLEMS WHICH COULD FOLLOW EXCESSIVE INTAKE. SAYS NUMBERS GOING OTHER COUNTRIES BARELY MATCH HUNDREDS POURING OUT OF INDOCHINA EACH MONTH. BIGGEST PROBLEM FACES UNEDUCATED/ILLITERATE LIVING IN CAMPS IN THAILAND. SAYS THAILAND UNLIKELY ABSORBE THESE PEOPLE/CALLING ON AID FROM OTHER COUNTRIES.

8. KOREA

SIX HOUSE SUBCMTE INVESTIGATORS ARRIVED SEOUL 12/10; NO ROKG REPS GREETED THEM. GROUP EXPECTED ANALYZE POL/MIL/INTELL/EDUCATIONAL/BUSINESS/INFORMATIONAL TIES BETWN US/SK DURING 18-DAY STAY, REPORT FINDINGS TO SUBCMTE CHRMN FRASER. IN ARRIVAL STATEMENT, TEAM'S CHIEF HERSHMAN SAID STUDY NOT INTENDED WEAKEN /IMPAIR US/SK RELS (NYT, WSTAR, BOTH 12/11).

ASST ATTY GENRL CIVILETTI SAID 12/9 DOJ "VERY CLOSE" TO REACHING AGREEMENT UNDER WHICH TONGSUN PARK WOULD PROVIDE TESTIMONY FOR US INFLUENCE-BUYING PROBE. IN REUTER INTERVIEW, CIVILETTI PREDICTED ACCORD "MONDAY AT THE LATEST." BABCOCK/ROBINSON (WP 12/10) CITE INTERVIEW, ADD TENTATIVE DATE FOR PARK INTERROGATION REPORTEDLY 12/26. CIVILETTI DENIED ANY SUCH AGREEMENT WOULD INCLUDE PROHIBITION AGAINST PARK TESTIFYING BEFORE CONGRESSIONAL CMTE

CONDUCTING PARALLEL INVESTIGATIONS OF UNETHICAL CONDUCT BY PRESENT/FORMER HOUSE MEMBERS.

HOUSE ETHICS CMTE SPECIAL COUNSEL JAWORSKI/SEN MAJORITY LEADER BYRD HAVE BOTH STATED THEY WILL NOT TOLERATE/HONOR ANY ARRANGEMENT FOR TONGSUN PARK TESTIMONY WHICH ATTEMPTS UNCLASSIFIED

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PREVENT CONGRESSIONAL PANELS FROM QUESTIONING HIM. AT WKLY PRESS CONF 12/11, BYRD STATED CONGRESS "WOULD NOT STAND FOR ANY PRE-EMPTION OF ITS CONSTITUTIONAL POWERS." HOUSE SOURCES SAY JAWORSKI WOULD NOT HESITATE SUBPOENA PARK FOR TESTIMONY SOON AS POSSIBLE AFTER HE REACHED US (SARRO, WSTAR; HALLORAN, NYT, BOTH 12/10; AP'S WILLIAMS, WSTAR/NYT 12/11).

NK HAS SIGNED PRELIM AGREEMENT TO ALLOW FON FIRMS EXPLORE FOR OIL IN ITS OFFSHORE TERRITORY. SINGAPORE-BASED CONSULTING CO HAS SIGNED W/KOREA INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY CORP "REGARDING PETROLEUM EXPLORATION AND DEVELOPMENT." UNDER ARRANGEMENTS, NK WILL ALLOW FIRM EMPLOY SUBCONTRACTORS OF ANY NATIONALITY EXCEPT US/SKOREAN. FINAL AGREEMENT EXPECTED EARLY '78.

SK/US NAVAL/MARINE FORCES STARTED 6-DAY COMBINED AMPHIBIOUS LANDING EXERCISE 12/10 ALONG SK'S E COAST. MANEUVERS PART OF PROGRAM DESIGNED INSURE BOTH COUNTRIES' FORCES CAN WORK TOGETHER EFFECTIVELY AFTER PLANNED US GROUND TROOP W/DRAWAL (REUTER, NYT 12/11).

COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

9. KOREA

SUN'S MARTIN (SEOUL 12/10) DOES ITEM ON SK'S LABOR UNIONS. NOTES WHILE STRIKES ILLEGAL, SK DOES USE SYSTEM BINDING ARBITRATION. REMARKS SOME UNIONS HAVE USED WORK SLOWDOWNS IN ORDER GET DEMANDS MET, BUT MUST BE CAUTIOUS NOT OFFEND "VERY TOUCHY" GOVT FEARS THAT UNIONS WILL BE USED FOR POL PURPOSES. QUOTES WESTERN OFFICIAL BASED IN SEOUL THAT ROKG HAS "CONTROL SYSTEM" ON LABOR UNIONS IN FORM "SURVEILLANCE SYSTEM THAT IS OBVIOUS."

10. JAPAN
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CONDERACCI (WSJ) SAYS USHIBA WOULD LIKE CONVINCE US THAT JAPAN SERIOUS ABOUT REDUCING TRADE SURPLUS, BUT HAS ALREADY CONCEDED PKG HE CARRIES UNLIKELY SATISFY US OFFICIALS. SEES AMERICANS' TASK AS MAKE DISSATISFACTION FIRM ENOUGH SEND CLEAR SIGNAL BACK TO JAPAN, BUT NOT SO STRONG AS SEEM INSULTING OR GIVE UNINTENDED IMPETUS TO

STATES US NEGOTIATORS WILL STRESS ECON MOVES THEY ADVOCATE ARE DESIGNED CORRECT YEN'S APPRECIATION, WHICH FUNCTIONS AS MAJOR BRAKE ON JAPAN'S GROWTH.

NYDN SAYS TOKYO HAS DISPATCHED USHIBA TO US WITH "FEW MINOR AND ALMOST WORTHLESS CONCESSIONS" ON TARIFFS/ QUOTAS, ALONG W/"WORDY EXCUSES AND EVASIONS." OPINES JAPAN CANNOT CONTINUE "CIDDLE" OWN ECONOMY WHILE CARRYING OUT "EXPORT BLITZ" AGAINST TRADING PARTNERS.

ROWEN (WP 12/11) NOTES US SKEPTICISM OVER WHAT USHIBA WILL OFFER, BUT URGES ADMIN OFFICIALS BEAR IN MIND THAT THEY HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE MEET OWN ECON GROWTH RATES. SAYS DOS "HARD-LINERS ON ASIAN POLICY" HAVE SAID PRIVATELY JAPAN WOULD BE BULLIED; SEEMS CLEAR US WILLING LECTURE JAPAN IN MANNER "THAT WOULD NOT EVEN BE CONTEMPLATED" IN DEALING W/EUR NATION. STATES US MUST NOT ISSUE ANY ULTIMATUM/BE AWARE THAT JAPAN'S ECON SITUATION "CAN'T BE TURNED AROUND ON A DIME."

WP'S CHAPMAN (TOKYO) DOES ITEM ON JAPAN'S SMALL EXPORTERS, THOUSANDS OF WHICH HE SAYS HAVE BEEN GOING BROKE DUE YEN APPRECIATION/CUSTOM OF GUARANTEEING LIFETIME EMPLOYMENT. CITES EXPORTERS WHO ARE UNABLE FIND MKT EVEN WHILE OPERATING AT LOSS. NOTES SMALL BUSINESSMEN'S POSITION
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HAS BECOME SO PERILOUS THAT SOME 3000 OF THEM HELD UNUSUAL STREET DEMONSTRATIONS IN TOKYO RECENTLY TO PUBLICIZE THEIR UNHAPPINESS W/GOJ, YEN. GROUP'S LEADERS CLAIMED 20 FIRMS GO BANKRUPT/PUT 1500 WORKERS OUT OF JOBS EVERY HR.

JANEWAY (WSTAR 12/11) CLAIMS JAPAN/EC HAVE "CONTRIVED" FINANCE GROWTH FOR THEIR EXPORT-DEPENDENT INDUSTRIES WHILE ENJOYING "SANCTUARY OF PROTECTIONISM" AGAINST IMPORT COMPETITION. STATES US' ANTI-PROTECTIONIST STANCE HAS OFFERED JAPAN VIABLE ALTERNATIVE TO LIVING IN "COMMERCIAL MENAGE-A-TROIS" W/USSR, PRC. BELIEVES "ONLY DEFENSE" FOR US IN DEALING W/TRADE DIFFICULTIES IS "PHYSICAL LIMITS ON

VOLUME IMPORTS, REGARDLESS OF PRICE."

WP'S PINE ANALYZES REACTION TO CARTER ADMIN STEEL "REFERENCE PRICING" PLAN. FINDS SCHEME GENERALLY REGARDED AS FRAGILE/TEMPORARY SOLUTION TO STEEL IMPORT PROBLEM. NOTES IF REF PRICE TOO LOW, COULD DRIVE EC MFRS OUT OF BUSINESS; IF TOO HIGH, US STEEL MFRS WOULD BE GIVEN TOO MUCH ROOM RAISE DOMESTIC PRICES. FINDS MANY OBSERVERS SEE KEY QUESTION AS WHAT ADMIN CAN DO AFTER PROGRAM IN PLACE TO HELP RESOLVE LONGER-RANGE PROBLEMS THAT BOTH US/FON STEEL MFRS FACE.

NYT'S MALCOLM (TOKYO 12/11) SAYS FUKUDA COMING UNDER CONTINUING DOMESTIC ATTACK, ESPECIALLY FROM FARMERS, "FOR EVEN THE SCANT TRADE LIBERALIZATION" CABINET HAS APPVD. OPINES CABINET SHUFFLE PROVIDED BRIEF PSYCHOLOGICAL BOOST/GAVE IMPRESSION OVERSEAS OF DETERMINATION TO ACT ON ECON PROBLEMS, BUT HAS PRODUCED NO NEW POLICIES IN ACTUALITY. SAYS JAPANESE OFFICIALS HAVE TOLD DIPLOMATS--MOSTLY AMERICAN--INFORMALLY THAT FIERCE DOMESTIC OPPOSITION HAS MADE IT IMPOSSIBLE FOR JAPAN MAKE ANY MAJOR TRADE CONCESSIONS NOW.

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IN 12/12 ARTICLE, MALCOLM STATES JAPANESE REGARD UN-FLATTERING REMARKS--SUCH AS MADE RECENTLY BY NZ PM MULDOON--AS THOSE OF POOR LOSERS IN LESS COMPETITIVE/LESS ORGANIZED COUNTRIES. BUT STRONG CRITICISM FROM US PROVIDES JAPANESE REFORMERS W/REASON, IMPETUS FOR CHANGE. NOTES PEOPLE W/LONG EXPERIENCE IN JAPAN BELIEVE JAPANESE WILL CONTINUE DEAL W/EACH CRISIS ONLY UNDER PRESSURE/ONLY ON AD HOC BASIS BY OFFERING WHAT JAPANESE TERM "COSMETIC CONCESSIONS."

11. AUSTRALIA

WP'S COSTIGAN (CANBERRA 12/10) REPORTS LABOR SCORED LESS THAN 41 PCT OF VOTE--LOWEST IN PARTY'S HISTORY.

WAIN SAYS WHITLAM CLOSE TO TEARS IN RESIGNING LEADERSHIP SATURDAY NIGHT. SAYS DEFEAT EFFECTIVELY ENDS WHITLAM'S POL CAREER, THO HE WILL REMAIN IN PARLIAMENT AS REP FROM SYDNEY SUBURB.

ACCORDING COSTIGAN, WILL BE LONG TIME BEFORE ANOTHER ALP LEADER WILL ATTEMPT WHITLAM'S COMBINATION INTELLECTUAL SOCIALISM/AGGRESSIVE PERSONAL LEADERSHIP/DEDICATION TO EXPANDING INFLUENCE OF NATL GOVT IN EVERY LEVEL ECON/SOCIAL LIFE.

COSTIGAN PREDICT FRASER VICTORY WILL ENCOURAGE CONTINUED

US INVESTMENTS IN AUSTRALIA, INCL 3.5-BIL-DOL JOINT
DEVELOPING FIELDS. NEW LABOR LEADER EXPECTED BE WILLIAM
HAYDEN. ACCORDING COSTIGAN, HIS MAIN PROBLEMS WILL BE:
LACK PERSONAL CHARISMA/NATL RECOG; REBUILDING PARTY
MORALE; DOING BATTLE W/FRASER FROM "POSITION OF GREAT
DISADVANTAGE."
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CSM'S MILLAR (CANBERRA) SAYS NEW GOVT'S POLICIES WILL BE
"MORE OF THE SAME," PLUS PERSONAL TAX CUTS, RELAXED
RESTRAINTS ON PUBLIC SPENDING, TOUGH LINE AGAINST LABOR
UNREST.

IN REATURE ON FRASER, NYT'S KAMM (CANBERRA) COMPARES HIS
SUCCESS TO "GRAND OLD MAN OF CONSERVATIVE POLITICS"--
MENZIES. SAYS THIS NOT TRIUMPH OF PERSONALITY FOR
FRASER WHOM HE SAYS SEEMS ILL AT EASE AT RALLIES, IS
CONSIDERED ABRASIVE, NOT GREGARIOUS. BUT IN PROFOUND
WAYS, SAYS FRASER HAS SPECIFICALLY AUSSIE APPEAL--IS
RURAL CONSERVATIVE W/FAITH IN TRADITIONAL VALUES WHICH
INCLUDE DISCIPLINE, DISTRUST PUBLIC SPENDING/LABOR UNIONS
(ACCOMPANIED BY PHOTO FRASER).

EARLIER, KAMM (CANBERRA 12/11) NOTED ELECTION CLOSED W/
SINGLEMINDED APPEALS TO VOTERS' POCKETBOOKS/CONTEMPTUOUS
COMMENTS ABOUT OPPOSING CANDIDATES. FELT ONLY TWO OTHER
ISSUES CAUGHT VOTERS' ATTENTION: ARRIVAL BOATLOAD VIET
REFUGEES; DECISION CONTINUE URANIUM MINING. SAID OLD
POLITICS NO LONGER SEEM WORK IN NEW AUSTRALIA, STRUCTURAL
CHANGES IN WAY DEMOCRACY WORKS NEEDED TO RETURN POL
INTEREST/POWER TO PEOPLE AND BRING VARIED APPROACHES/
ENERGIES TO FORMULATION/EXECUTIONS OF POLICIES.

12. INDOCHINA

WSTAR (12/11) BEGINS 7-PART SERIES INSTALLMENTS FROM FRANK
SNEPP BOOK, "DECENT INTERVAL." FIRST INSTALLMENT DEALS
W/EMB MEETING CALLED TO DISCUSS EVACUATION 10,000 "CHOSEN"
SUPPORTERS, EMPLOYEES, AGENTS--TRULY "HIGH RISK" NOT JUST
"COOKS AND BOTTLE-WASHERS." TALKS ABOUT LAST HRS BEFORE
NVIETS ARRIVED, DURING WHICH TIME HAK WAS SUPPOSEDLY ASK-
ING DOBRYNIN IF HANOI WOULD NEGOTIATE/PERMIT RESIDUAL US
PRESENCE IN SAIGON/ASSURE EVACUEES FREE EXIT. CONCLUDES
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W/1ST EVIDENCE NVIET ARRIVAL SAIGON.

13. INDOCHINA REFUGEES

WP'S SIMONS (BANGKOK 12/10) SAYS RTG HOPING LARGE NUMBERS

OF THEIR 95,000 REFUGEES WILL RETURN TO THEIR HOMELANDS SINCE RELS IMPROVING BETWN THAILAND/HER NEIGHBORS. SAYS OFFICIALS ADMIT PRIVATELY, HOWEVER, THEY ARE MAKING QUIET ARRANGEMENTS TO SETTLE AT LEAST 20,000 REFUGEES PERMANENTLY IN THAILAND. BUT SINCE REFUGEES CONTINUE POUR IN AT RATE 2,000/MONTH, RTG NOW APPLYING MORE STRINGENT DEFINITIONS TO "REFUGEES" SEEKING ENTRY--THOSE FEARING POL PERSECUTION.

SIMONS SAYS US DOES NOT AGREE W/THIS DEFINITION, BUT THAIS COMPLAIN US DRAGGING FEET IN SCREENING REFUGEES, TAKING "ONLY THE CREAM," LEAVING "POOREST," "UNEDUCATED," "UNSKILLED," "POTENTIAL TROUBLEMAKERS" BEHIND (ACCOMPANIED BY AP PHOTOS REFUGEES).

14. PHILIPPINES

IN NYT SPEC, MICHAEL KNIGHT (12/11) SAYS 1.5-MILLION-DOL GRANT TO FLETCHER SCHOOL FROM MARCOS FAMILY HAS RAISED STORM OF PROTEST AT TUFTS U IN RECENT WKS, W/STUDENTS/FACULTY CHARGING SCHOOL HAS SOLD ITS REPUTATION TO MARCOS FOR "PROVERBIAL BOWL OF PORRIDGE." ONE PROF SAID "SELL-ING" OF SCHOOL'S GOOD NAME/LEGITIMIZING MARCOS HUMAN RTS VIOLATIONS ARE HARDLY KIND OF LESSON TO TEACH STUDENTS; ANOTHER SAID GRANT WAS "LIKE ACCEPTING MONEY TO ESTABLISH THE BENITO MUSSOLINI CHAIR OF HUMANITIES." UNIV PRES DEFENDS GRANT ON BASIS NO STRINGS ATTACHED TO IT; OTHERS SAY STRINGS ATTACHED, SINCE UNIV NOW CANNOT "FREELY JOIN THE GROWING CHORUS OF VOICES" CONDEMNING MARCOS FOR HUMAN RTS VIOLATIONS.

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POST'S LESCAZE CLAIMS TRIALS, AT LEAST IN PHILS MIL COURTS, ARE WHATEVER MARCOS MAKES THEM. DECLARES ONLY AQUINO'S STUBBORNNESS APPARENTLY PREVENTS HIM MAKING DEAL/ ACCEPTING EXILE IN EXCHANGE FOR SOME SORT OF ADMISSION. SAYS AQUINO DOES NOT CONSIDER HIMSELF GUILTY/HAS SO FAR REFUSED ANY DEAL, INSISTING ON CIVIL COURT TRIAL INSTEAD.

15. CHINA

BUTTERFIELD (NYT HK 12/11) DESCRIBES HOW TRADITIONAL KUAN HSI ARRANGEMENTS STILL USED IN PRC TO OBTAIN/PROCURE ITEMS/SERVICES NOT NORMALLY AVAILABLE. ALTHO MONEY NOT GENERALLY INVOLVED IN KUAN SHI EXCHANGES, BUTTERFIELD NOTES CONTINUED PRESENCE OF SUCH SYSTEM SUGGESTS PRC NOT AS "MONOLITHIC" AS OFT DEPICTED; NOT AS "RELENTLESSLY REPRESSIVE," NOR "THE HARMONIOUS SOCIALIST PARADISE, FREE FROM PERSONAL AMBITION, FAVORTISM AND LOOPHOLES THAT ITS SUPPORTERS DESCRIBE." CITES SEVERAL INDICATIONS THAT COMMUNIST AUTHORITIES TACITLY APPROVE KUAN HSI ARRANGEMENTS, SINCE SUCH PRACTICES SEEM HELP ECON RATHER THAN CHALLENGE COMMUNIST CONTROL.

BUTTERFIELD (12/10) REPORTS TRAVELERS FROM PRC SAY QUESTION OF RE-ESTABLISHING PRESIDENCY NOW BEING DISCUSSED FROM POLITBURO MEMBERS TO PROVINCIAL/LOCAL PARTY UNITS. LEADERS APPEAR HAVE DELIBERATELY OPENED DEBATE TO BROAD RANGE OF CITIZENS AS PART OF EFFORT INTRODUCE MORE OPENNESS/DEMOCRACY INTO POL SYSTEM. MOST OFTEN-MENTIONED CANDIDATE, ACCORDING TRAVELERS, IS TENG. BUTTERFIELD COMMENTS ON RECENT REPORTS BY VISITORS OF INCREASED NUMBER EXECUTIONS NOTICES. THESE REPORTS TOUCHED OFF SPECULATION THAT LEADERS PUTTING FOLLOWERS GANG OF 4 TO DEATH. ANALYSTS NOW BELIEVE, HOWEVER, MOST OF THOSE BEING EXECUTED ARE ORDINARY CRIMINALS.

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LAT (12/8) SPOOFS PRC'S BLAMING GANG OF 4 FOR ALL ILLS THAT PLAGUE COUNTRY. RECOUNTS RESTAURANT IN SHANGHAI THAT FOR 10 YRS KEPT NEIGHBORHOOD AWAKE W/NOISY KITCHEN FAN. FINALLY CALLED TO ACCOUNT BY AUTHORITIES, RESTAURANT'S REV CMTE CLAIMED FAN PROBLEM DUE TO "INTERFERENCE AND SABOTAGE" BY GANG OF 4. "PD" REPORTED TO MULL THIS OVER/THEN REJECTED EXCUSE, SAYING RESTAURANT INDIFFERENT TO MASSES. SPECIAL SOURCES REPORT CENSURED REV CMTE SOUGHT REVENGE FOR HUMILIATION BY CONCOCTING NEW DISH--LO MEIN, GANG OF 4 STYLE, WHICH AFTER EATING MAKES ONE READY FOR NEW PURGE. CHRISTOPHER

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